

To the BRIDPORT RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present herewith my Annual Report for the year 1915.

Area (in acres) 32,164.

Population (Census 1911) 6,731.

Water Supply.

Analysis of water was made in seven cases : three were satisfactory, four were unsatisfactory, but a remedy was found for all.

Rivers and Streams.

No complaints of pollution.

Sanitary Inspection of District.

Number of Statutory Notices, etc.:—Informal Notices (written) 63 ; complied with 33. Houses improved respecting which Statutory Notices were served last year, 25 ; Defective houses improved by request, 26.

Schools.

There was Closure of the following :—Chideock for Whooping Cough and Influenza ; Pymore, Whooping Cough and Chicken pox ; Burton, Whooping Cough ; Bothenhampton, Influenza ; Shipton Gorge, Influenza : St. Gabriels, Whooping Cough ; Askerswell, Whooping Cough ; Bradpole, Whooping Cough ; Charmouth, Scarlet Fever.

Milk Supply.

~~None. Tabular Statement : no complaints of unwholesomeness~~

Dairies and Cowsheds.

There are 29 Dairymen, Cowkeepers and Milksellers on Register. They have been kept under observation as much as possible, and the regulations are observed. There are no regular Milkshops.

Bakehouses.

No. 9. All inspected and found Sanitary.

Slaughter Houses.

No. 9. Licensed 2, Registered 3. All several times inspected and any sanitary defects found at once remedied.

Food Inspection.

No Carcases condemned for tuberculosis. No articles of diet unfit for food or unwholesome. Condition of premises satisfactory.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

No report received from County Analyst.

Housing.

Building Bye-laws are adopted. Action under 1909 Act (Section 17) Tabular Statement. Number of Houses inspected 92 ; Houses burned down 2 ; 2 cases of overcrowding abated ; New Houses erected 6.

Local and Adoptive Acts.

None during the year.

Workshops and Workplaces.

Number on Register, 21. Several times inspected and found to be satisfactory.

Infectious Diseases.

24 cases notified as under:—

Scarlet Fever, 15; *Diphtheria*, 1; *Puerperal Fever*, 1; *Erysipelas*, 1; *Pulmonary Tuberculosis*, 4; other forms of *Tuberculosis* 2. *Scarlet Fever*—10 occurred at Charmouth and were treated at home. 3 notified at the Rural Isolation Hospital were sent from the Bridport Union and so belonged to the Bridport Borough. One from Chideock was contracted from a brother in the Army who came home on leave. It was sent to the Isolation Hospital as well as one from Lower Eype which was contracted from a Bridport School. The case of *Diphtheria*, a mild one, occurred at Burton Bradstock and was treated at home. The case of *Puerperal Fever* was not due to the nurse or any unsanitary conditions. The case of *Erysipelas* was facial.

Rural Isolation Hospital.

Five cases of *Scarlet Fever* were treated at the Hospital. Everything in excellent order.

Tuberculosis.

Cases Six—Four Pulmonary—Two other forms. One treated in a Sanatorium, the others at home.

Prevention of Infantile Mortality.

Due measures taken by myself and Council. As the Notification of Births Act, 1907, ^{came} ~~comes~~ into force on September 1st, no doubt in due course a Visiting Nurse will be appointed for the district.

No Camps have been formed in the district and there only a few men in billets at the seaside villages.

Out of the seven deaths not belonging to the district, six were washed up by the sea, most likely from H.M.S. "Formidable" which was lost off the South Coast on January the 1st, and one, probably a tramp, name unknown, was found dead on Litton Down most likely from exposure.

Vital Statistics.

Nett Population estimated middle of 1915	6,750
Birth Rate per 1000 inhabitants	19·9
Nett Death Rate	"	"	12·3
Zymotic Death Rate	"	"	·4
Infantile Mortality, Death under one year, ditto	47·6

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. A. E. HAY,

Medical Officer of Health.

Bridport, March 25th, 1916.

